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Supplemental Letter to Information Disclosure Statement

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Dear Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed January 30, 2001, the Applicant notes the publications listed below may be more germane to examination of this application. Copies of these were forwarded with the aforementioned Information Disclosure Statement. The Examiner should, of course, conduct his own review of the publications to make any determination in this regard.

5,974,424

Schmuck et al.

10/26/99

6,081,883

Popelka et al.

6/27/00

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 56 and 97 et seq, the Applicants cite the information on the accompanying modified form PTO 1449. The Applicants also enclose copies of the cited publications.

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